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SUBJECT: PREMIER BIJEDIC'S TRIP THROUGH ASIA

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1. SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS DESCRIBE PREMIER DZEMAL BIJEDIC'S OCTOBER SWING THROUGH SIX ASIAN COUNTRIES AS GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL, PARTICULARLY THE CHINESE, DRV, SIR LANKAN AND INDIAN STOPS. WELCOME IN HANOI WAS WARMEST ON TRIP. THE YUGOSLAVS CAME AWAY CONVINCED THAT DRV POSES NO THREAT TO ITS NEIGHBORS. CHINESE ARRANGED METICULOUS PROTOCOL AND PLANNED VISIT TO BE A SUCCESS, SO IT WAS. THE YUGOSLAVS FOUND CHINESE VIEWS INTERESTING BUT "NOT QUITE LOGICAL". CONVERSATION IN COLOMBO PRIMARILY CENTERED ON 1976 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT AND THE YUGOSLAVS CAME AWAY CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SRI LANKA CAN BRING IT OFF. IN INDIA, BIJEDIC EXCHANGED VIEWS  
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ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH MRS. GANHDI AND DISAPPOINTED

HER WITH NEWS THAT CHINESE ARE NOT YET READY TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH INDIA. STOPS AT TEHRAN, SINGAPORE AND RANGOON WERE PRIMARILY FOR REFUELING, BUT SHORT TALKS HELD IN EACH PLACE DESCRIBED AS PUTE SUCCESSFUL. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING ARE COMMENTS FROM DCM'S CONVERSTAITIONS WITH TWO YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS WHO WERE ALONG ON BIJEDIC'S ASIAN TOUR. DZEVAD MUJEZINOVIC, DIRECTOR OF FSFA OFFICE SOUTH AND S.E. ASIAN AFFAIRS, GAVE EXTENSIVE BRIEFING ON TRIP. ADDITIONAL ATMOSPHERICS AND DETAILS PROVIDED BY NIKOLA CICANOVIC, BIJEDIC'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER, IN CONVERSATION AT A SOCIAL FUNCTION.

3. TIMING. YUGOSLAVS STATE THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE READ FROM TIMING OF VISIT. BIJEDIC PLANNED TO VISIT THE DRV LAST SPRING BUT HAD TO POSTPONE VISIT BECAUSE OF ILLNESS. MEANWHILE, HE RECEIVED INVITATION TO COME TO PRC, AND TWO VISITS WERE PUT TOGETHER. HE ALSO OWED RETURN VISIT TO SRI LANKA AND INDIA, SO THEY WERE ADDED ON. OTHER STOPS--TEHRAN, RANGOON AND SINGAPORE--WERE FOR TECHNICAL REASONS (REFUELING) BUT THEY PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY TO HOLD TALKS WHICH DESCRIBED AS QUITE SUCCESSFUL.

4. NORTH VIETNAM. WARMEST AND MOST GENUINE WELCOME ON ENTIRE TRIP OCCURRED IN HANOI, WHICH YUGOSLAVS ASCRIBED TO DRV INTEREST IN NON-ALIGNMENT AND SIMILARITIES IN TWO COUNTRIES' HISTORICAL EXPERIENCES. PREMIER PHAN VAN DONG SPENT NEARLY ALL HIS WORKING TIME WITH BIJEDIC AND THE TWO DISCOURSED ON WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS. HOWEVER, TWO THEMES WERE REPEATED AGAIN AND AGAIN: FIRST, THAT THE TWO VIETNAMS ARE HEADING TOWARDS INEVITABLE REUNIFICATION AND THIS WILL OCCUR VERY SOON; SECOND, AFTER FIGHTING AND WINNING THREE WARS OF INDEPENDENCE (AGAINST IMPERIAL CHINA, FRANCE AND U.S.) VIETHAM ONLY WANTS NOW TO CONSOLIDATE ITS INDEPENDENT AND NON-ALIGNED POSITION IN WORLD. VIETNAMESE SOUGHT TO REASSURE BIJEDIC DELEGATION THAT NORTH VIETNAM WOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO EXPORT REVOLUTION TO OTHER LANDS. (BIJEDIC PASSED THIS ON TO LEE KWAN YEW DURING STOPOVER IN SINGAPORE, BUT LEE REMAINED SKEPTICAL.)  
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5. VIETNAMESE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN OBTAINING ECONOMIC ASSITANCE AND COOPERATION FROM ALL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S. BUT FELT AT PRESENT THAT U.S. DOES NOT SHOW SUFFICIENT UNDERSTANDING FOR DRV'S POSITION REGARDING ITS RELATIONS WITH USSR, PRC AND U.S. ON THIS POINT, YUGOSLAV IMPRESSION IS THAT VIETNAM AS "YUGOSLAVIA OF ASIA" TRIES TO STAY EQUIDISTANT FROM TWO COMMUNIST GIANTS, AND

WANTS GOOD RELATION WITH ALL THREE BIG POWERS BUT WOULD NOT SEEK TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ONE AT EXPENSE OF ANOTHER.

6. PRC. BIJEDIC HAD THREE ROUNDS OF PLENARY TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-P'ING. BIJEDIC GAVE YUGOSLAV VIEWS ON BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES; TENG RESPONDED WITH PRC VIEWS; AND THIRD WAS GENERAL DISCUSSION CENTERING ON CHINESE VIEWS AND ASIAN AFFAIRS. BIJEDIC MET WITH MAO NEARLY 90 MINUTES. MAO HAD TWO INTERPRETERS PRESENT "TO MAKE ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WHAT HE WANTED TO SAY BEFORE HIS STATEMENTS WERE INTERPRETED". YUGOSLAVS SAY MAO HAS AN AILMENT MAKING ARTICULATION DIFFICULT AND THIS IS WHY HIS MOUTH IS USUALLY OPEN IN PHOTOS. ALTHOUGH CHINESE SAID NOTHING NEW, YUGOSLAVS WERE FASCINATED BY THEIR SYSTEMATIC MANNER OF PRESENTATION, WHICH, HOWEVER, THEY DESCRIBED AS "NOT QUITE LOGICAL TO US".

7. YUGOSLAVS SAID CHINESE THINK WORLD WAR IS INEVITABLE. DUE TO BALANCE OF TERROR, WAR WOULD BE CONVENTIONAL, NOT NUCLEAR, AND WOULD BE BETWEEN U.S. AND USSR, SINCE SOVIETS WOULD NOT DARE ATTACK CHINESE WHO ARE READY FOR 20-30 YEAR SUSTAINED CONFLICT. CHINESE SEE WAR STARTING IN ONE OF PRIMARY ZONES OF CONFLICT: EUROPE, ME, MEDITERRANEAN OF PERSIAN GULF. DESPITE THIS GLOOMY VIEW, CHINESE FEEL THEY HAVE NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCREASED COOPERATION WITH JAPAN, PHILIPPINES AND INDONESIA. THEIR ONE UNYIELDING POLICY IS TAIWAN, WHICH THEY REGARD AS INTEGRAL PART OF CHINA.

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8. YUGOSLAVS DESCRIBED PRC VISIT AS OVERALL SUCCESS.  
(THE CHINESE SAID BEFOREHAND THAT IT WOULD BE.) FROM  
THEIR STANDPOINT, MOST WELCOME DEVELOPMENT TO COME OUT  
OF TALKS WAS NEW, MORE POSITIVE CHINESE ASSESSMENT OF  
NON-ALIGNMENT. CHINESE ALSO AGREED TO JOINT TRADE  
COMMISSION, WHICH YUGOSLAVS SAY IS RARE FOR THEM.  
CHINESE PROTOCOL WAS METICULOUS. ONLY FLAP WAS TENG'S  
REARK IN BANQUET TOAST WHICH PROVOKED SOVIET AND  
OTHER AMBASSADOR TO WALK OUT. YUGOSLAVS GOT ADVANCE  
TEXT OF TOAST BUT THOUGHT OFFENDING REFERENCE WAS  
AMBIGUOUS ENOUGH FOR SOVIETS TO SLOUGH OFF IT THEY HAD  
WANTED. THEY NOTED THAT TENG USED TERM "SOVICAL (E.E.,  
SOVIET) IMPERIALISM" SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE REFERENCE TO  
SUPERPOWER PROVOKED REACTION. THEY DID NOT SAY  
ANYTHING ABOUT INCIDENT TO THEIR HOSTS BUT TENG VOLUNTEERED  
THAT HE HAD SAID STRONGER THINGS BEFORE AND SOVIETS  
HADN'T WALKED OUT. THE YUGOSLAVS BELIEVE WALK-OUT WAS  
INTENDED AS PROTEST TO HOST AND GUEST ALIKE, AND SUGGESTED  
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IT MAY HAVE BEEN PLANNED IN ADVANCE SINCE PARTICIPATING  
AMBASSADORS HAD PARKED THEIR CARE SEPARATE FROM THOSE OF  
OTHER GUESTS AT BANQUET.

9. ALTHOUGH CHINESE PRAISED TITO AND YUGOSLAVIA'S ROLE  
IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, THEY DID NOT MENTION ESTABLISH-  
ING PARTY RELATIONS AND MADE CLEAR TO YUGOSLAVS THEY ARE  
NOT READY FOR THEM YET. YUGOSLAVS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT  
GENERAL PEJNOVIC, WHO ACCOMPANIED BIJEDIC, TOOK PART IN  
TALKS BUT WOULDN'T SAY WHETHER HE HAD SEPARAE TALKS  
WITH CHINESE MILITARY LEADERS. YUGOSLAVDELEGATION  
VISITED PEKING, NAKING AND CANTON. CICANOVIC FOUND ONLY  
LIN NAKING A LIVELINESS OF SPIRIT. BOTH CLIMATE AND  
PEOPLE OF PEKING WERE COLD. HE WAS CRITICAL OF  
CHINESE SECURITY MEASURES AND PRACTICES, FOR EXAMPLE,  
WITH CAMERAS.

10. SRI LANKA. PRIMARY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WAS

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 1976 NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. POLITICAL CONTENT" OF CONFERENCE WAS DISCUSSED--ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF NON-ALIGNED, AND NEW PUSH FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AMONG NON-ALIGNED--AS WELL AS ADMINISTRATIVE, PROCEDURAL AND TECHNICAL QUESTION. DESPITE TALK YUGOSLAVS HAD HEARD THAT COLOMBO WAS SIMPLY NOT UP TO HOSTING CONFERENCE, THEY CONCLUDED AFTER TALKS THAT BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS, CONFERENCE WOULD PROCEED SUCCESSFULLY. COLOMBO TALKS, WHICH YUGOSLAV SIDE WAS VERY HAPPY WITH, ALSO COVERED BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS.

11. INDIA. AIRPORT STOP ON OUTBOUND PORTION OF TOUR PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR BIJEDIC TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES WITH MRS. GANDHI FOR 45 MINUTES. VISIT TO INDIA FOLLOWED PRC. MRS GANDHI WAS INTERESTED IN WHAT BIJEDIC HAD TO SAY ABOUT CHINA BUT WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT YUGOSLAV IMPRESSION, ONE OF WHICH WAS THAT CHINA AT PRESENT HAS NO INTEREST IN IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH INDIA. TALKS ALSO COVERED INTERNAL INDIAN DEVELOPMENTS (YUGOSLAVS APPROVE SECURITY MEASURES), INDIAN OCEAN AREA AND PROBLEMS OF LDC'S.

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12. IRAN. PRIME MINISTER HOVEYDA MET YUGOSLAV DELEGATIONS AT AIRPORT PIT STOP. TALK WAS MOSTLY OF INDIAN-IRANIAN RELATIONS, WITH HOVEYDA EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF MRS. GANDHI'S INTERANAL MEASURES AND INTEREST IN STILL GREATER COOPERATION WITH INDIA.

13. BURMA AND SINGAPORE. AIRPORT STOP IN RANGOON PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR UNSPECTACULAR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH PRIME MINISTER U SEIN WIN. THERE WERE NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS OF SINGAPORE STOP BEYOND GENERAL ONE THAT TALKS WERE SUCCESSFUL AND BIJEDIC'S EXCHANGE WITH LEE (PARA 4 ABOVE).  
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